

# NGS: Technology and Current Applications



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- The NIST talks today are intended for educational purposes
- Technology is moving at a fast pace
- If your favorite platform, application, library prep, software, etc. is not mentioned  
**Please bring it up!!!**



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### Outline

- Introduction
- Non-forensic applications
- Generalized workflow
- Platforms and throughput
- Sequencing chemistries
- Wrap up / thoughts

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### What's in a name???

Massively parallel sequencing

**NGS**

*Second-generation sequencing*

Next-generation sequencing

Whole-genome sequencing

Third-generation sequencing

**HIGH-THROUGHPUT SEQUENCING**

Next-generation genomics

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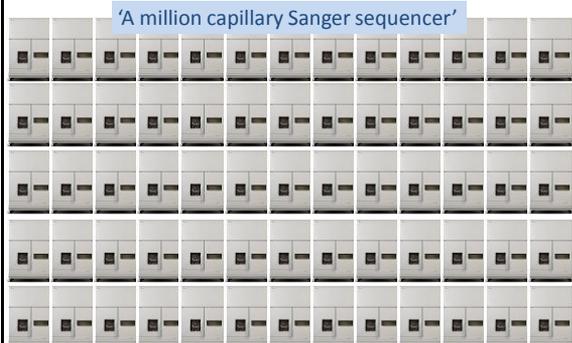
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### Parallel Sequencing

'A million capillary Sanger sequencer'




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### Parallel Sequencing

'A million capillary Sanger sequencer'

- Clonal vs population amplification
- Shorter reads (Range 75 to 400)
- Errors are more 'detectable'
- High coverage 100 – 1000 - 10,000x
- **Rely more on informatics to assemble millions of short reads**

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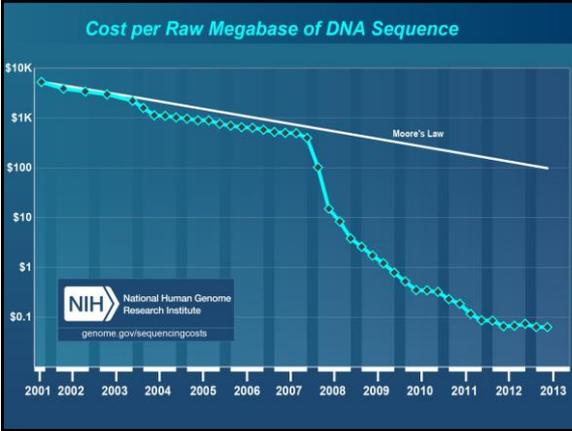
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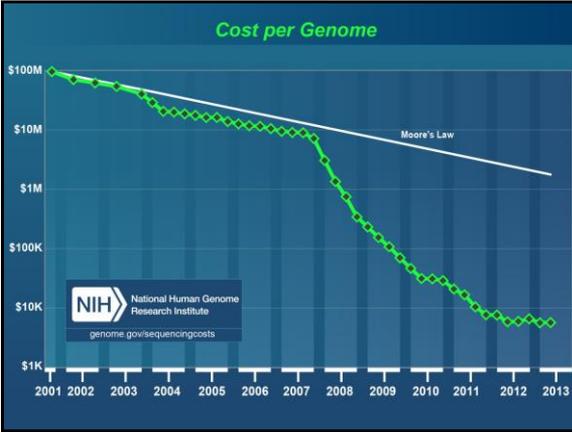
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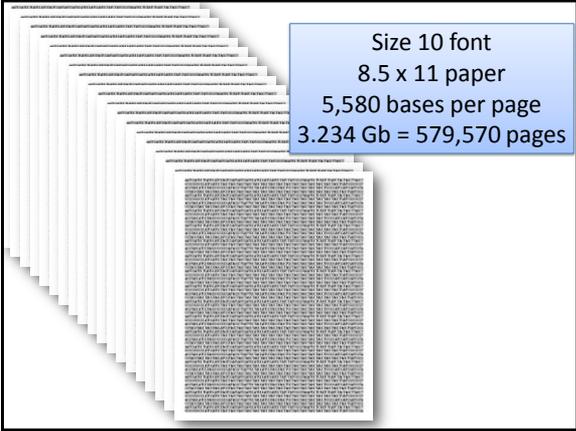
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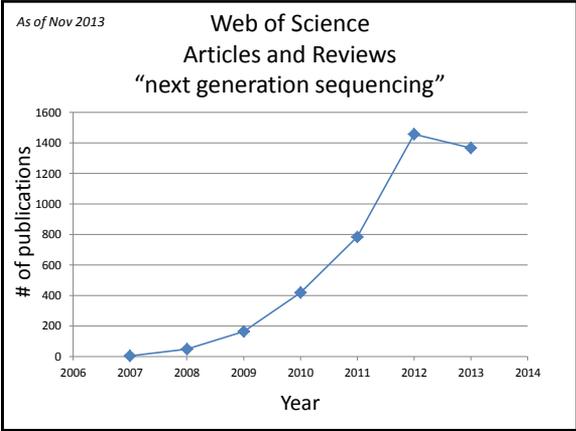
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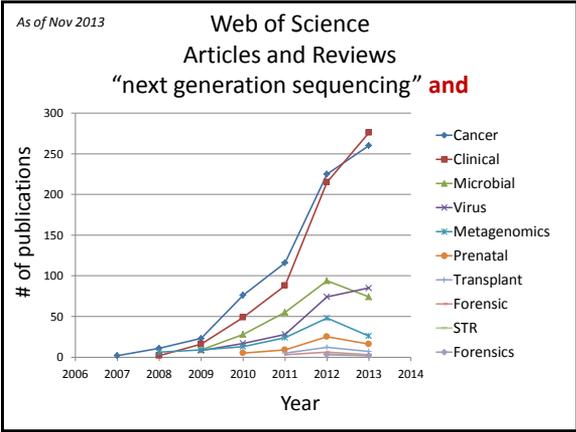
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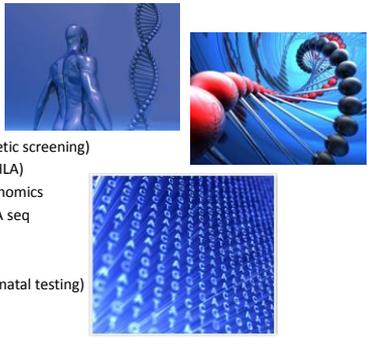
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### Non-forensic applications

- Clinical
- Inherited disease
- Reproductive health
- Cancer – gene fusion
- Rare variants
- Pre-implantation (genetic screening)
- Transplant medicine (HLA)
- Microbiomics/Metagenomics
- Gene expression | RNA seq
- Public health
- Ancient DNA
- NIPT (non-invasive prenatal testing)




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### Non-forensic applications

- Scanning Nature Reviews Genetics




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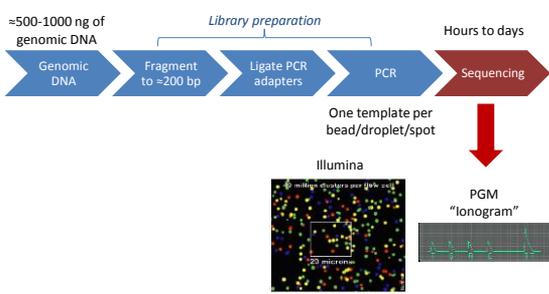
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### Generalized NGS Workflow




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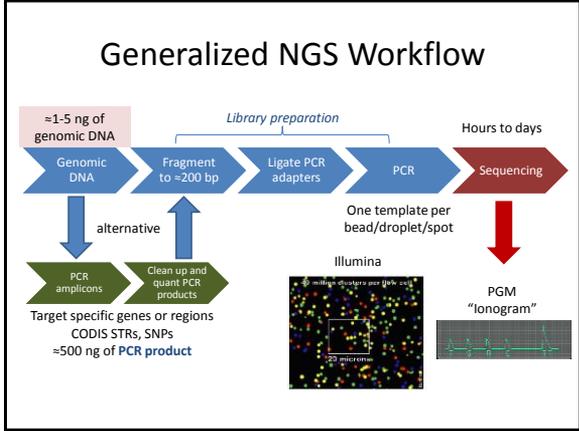
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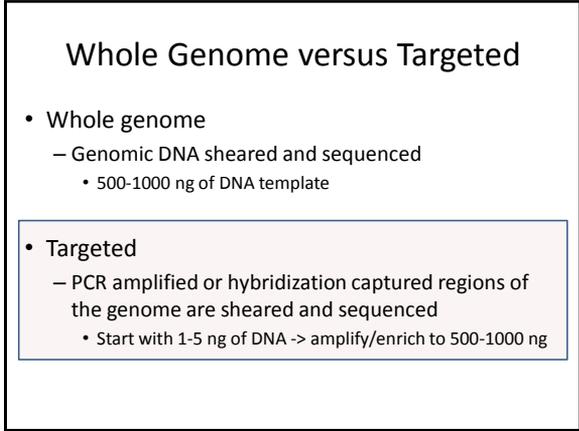
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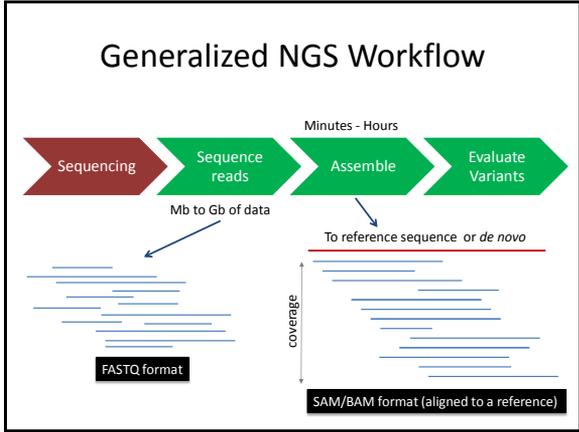
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### Variant Call Table

**Quality-based Variant Detection (Tue Nov 19 16:28:44 EST 2013)**  
 Version: CLC Genomics Workbench 6.5.1  
 User: ngs

**Parameters:**  
 Neighborhood radius = 5  
 Maximum gap and mismatch count = 2  
 Minimum neighborhood quality = 15  
 Minimum central quality = 20  
 Ignore non-specific matches = Yes  
 Ignore broken pairs = Yes  
 Minimum coverage = 10  
 Minimum variant frequency (%) = 1.0  
 Maximum expected alleles = 1  
 Advanced = No  
 Require presence in both forward and reverse reads = No  
 Ignore variants in non-specific regions = Yes  
 Filter 454/ion homopolymer indels = No  
 Create track = Yes  
 Create annotated table = Yes  
 Genetic code = 1 Standard

**Comments:** [Edit](#)  
 Found 86 variants (including reference alleles)

**Originates from:**  
 9947a\_S2\_L001\_R1\_001\_2 (paired) (Reads) (history)

13112	300	1	C	Homopolymer	10013	10013	99.44	No	0.49	17.44
13111	300	1	C	Homopolymer	10040	10027	99.82	No	0.49	17.44
13112	300	1	C	Homopolymer	10022	10022	99.26	No	0.49	17.44

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### Platforms

- Illumina
  - MiSeq
  - HiSeq 2000/2500
  - GAIIx
- Life Technologies
  - SOLiD (5500 series)
  - Ion Torrent PGM
  - Ion Torrent Proton
- Pacific Biosciences
  - PACBIO RS II
- 454 Roche
  - GS jr
  - GS FLX+







October 15, 2013 – Roche  
 shutting down 454  
 sequencing business  
 Will be phased out mid-2016

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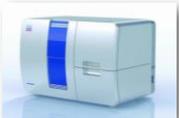
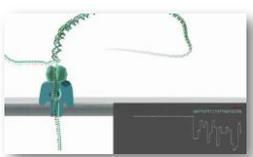
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### On the horizon...

- Qiagen GeneReader
  - Sequencing by synthesis approach
  - Should be available in 2014
  - QiaCube NGS (for automated library preparation)
  - Qiagen has also purchased CLC bio
- Oxford Nanopore
  - Ratcheting strand of DNA through a protein manifold
  - Bases are detected by a difference in current

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### Moving Targets

6 months from now these parameters will have changed

- Newer instruments
- Costs decreasing
- Throughput increasing
- Read lengths increasing
- Chemistries improving
- Library preparations – simpler/automated
- Computers faster – data storage cheaper
- Platforms leaving the market (e.g. Roche 454)
- Platforms entering the market (e.g. Qiagen GeneReader)




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### Low Throughput versus High Throughput

	Illumina MiSeq	Ion Torrent PGM	PacBio RS	Illumina GAIIx	Illumina HiSeq 2000
	Benchtop		High Throughput		
Instrument Cost	\$128 K	\$80 K	\$695 K	\$256 K	\$654 K
Sequence yield per run	1.5-2 Gb	100-200 Mb 316 chip	100 Mb	30 Gb	600 Gb
Cost/Gb	\$502	\$1000	\$2000	\$148	\$41
Run time	27 hours	2 hours	2 hours	10 days	11 days
Observed raw error rate	0.80 %	1.71 %	12.26 %	0.76 %	0.26 %
Read length	150 (300)	200 (400)	1500	150	150
Input DNA	50-1000 ng	100-1000 ng	1 ug	50-1000 ng	50-1000 ng

Adapted from: Quail et al. BMC Genomics 2012, 13:341  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2164/13/341>

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### Balancing the Equation

What question are you trying to answer?

- What instrument and/or strategy is right for my application?
- Markers
- Coverage
- Samples
- Cost (per sample and unit of information)

Other relevant questions:

- Input amounts?
- Desired level of accuracy?
- Integrity of DNA?
- Mixtures present?

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### Balancing the Equation

What question are you trying to answer?

Platform 'X' provides 2 Gb of sequence per run

- Markers
  - 25 STRs and 1000 SNPs
    - 1 STR = 500 bp
    - 1 SNP = 50 bp
- Coverage
  - 600x
- Samples
  - 48

$$= [(25 * 500) + (1000 * 50)] * 600 * 48$$

$$= 1.8 \text{ Gb}$$


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### Balancing the Equation

What question are you trying to answer?

MiSeq Output Calculations

	MiSeq with: - Upgraded hardware, or from September 2012 and later - MCS v2.0 or later - MiSeq Reagent Kit v3	MiSeq with: - Upgraded hardware, or from September 2012 and later - MCS v2.0 or later - MiSeq Reagent Kit v2
Reads/flow cell	25,000,000	16,000,000
Genome or region size (in bases)	16,569	16,569
Coverage	10000	10000
Total number of cycles (e.g. 300 for 2x150)	300	300
Total output required (in bases)	165,690,000	165,690,000
Output/flow cell (bases/flow cell)	7,500,000,000	4,800,000,000
Number of flow cells	0.02	0.03
Number of samples per flow cell	45.27	28.97

The numbers in this spreadsheet are reasonable expectations assuming flow cells are clustered at the proper density. Output may vary based on sample quality, cluster density and other experimental factors. Use these calculations as estimates for planning your runs.

For more information about calculating coverage estimates, see the [Coverage Calculation Tech Note](#).

[http://support.illumina.com/downloads/sequencing\\_coverage\\_calculator.ilmn](http://support.illumina.com/downloads/sequencing_coverage_calculator.ilmn)

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### Multiplexing Samples - Barcoding

- A sample can be tagged with a unique sequence (during library preparation)
- The tagged samples could then be sequenced together and separated in the analysis stage

Bases in barcode index	Unique Sequence Possibilities
N	4
NN	16
NNN	64
NNNN	256
NNNNN	1024
NNNNNN	4096

Trade off volume of sequence information for more samples per run

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### Life Tech - Ion Torrent - PGM

- Ion Torrent launched in Feb. 2010
- Ion Torrent sequencing employs an analogous technique as pyrosequencing:
  - Emulsion PCR for single copy reactors
  - Non-labeled nucleotide triphosphates are flowed over a bead on a semiconductor surface
- Hydrogen Ion detection
  - pH change is detected
  - **No optics**




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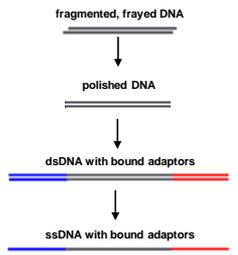
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### Constructing a Library



- Frayed ends are enzymatically "polished"
- Adaptor oligos ligated onto fragments
- Denatured to ssDNA
- Emulsified with primer-coated beads
- Hybridization of template to bead



Margulies et al. (2005) Supplementary Materials

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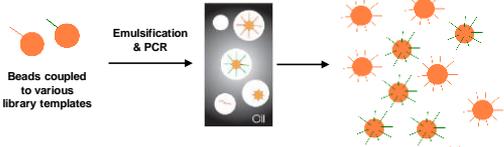
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### Emulsion PCR & Enrichment



- Beads and templates emulsified
- Primer-coated beads bind template
- PCR amplifies template
- Enrich for beads containing PCR products
  - magnetic capture
- Adaptable to automation (Ion Chef)

Dressman et al. (2003)

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Ion torrent PGM chip

'314' chip

- Chip flooded with one nucleotide after another
- H<sup>+</sup> released when a complementary base is added to template
- Charge from the ion causes detectable pH change
- Sequencer calls the base

Life Technologies

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### Illumina MiSeq

- MiSeq launched in Jan. 2011
- The MiSeq uses a sequencing by synthesis approach:
  - Nextera enzymatically fragments and tags DNA
  - Limited cycle PCR
  - Flow cell hybridization
  - Bridge PCR - clusters
- Fluorescent light detection
  - Each base has a unique color
  - Sequence each end of the molecule

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Illumina - MiSeq

### Nextera Sample Prep/Library Creation

Figure 2: Nextera Sample Preparation Biochemistry

[http://www.illumina.com/documents/products/5Cdatasheets/5Cdatasheet\\_nextera\\_dna\\_sample\\_prep.pdf](http://www.illumina.com/documents/products/5Cdatasheets/5Cdatasheet_nextera_dna_sample_prep.pdf)

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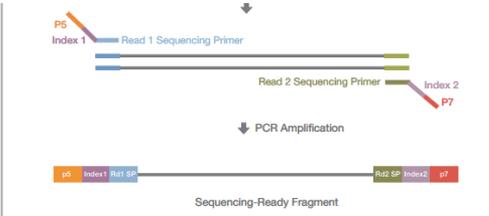
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Illumina - MiSeq

### Nextera Sample Prep/Library Creation



Nextera chemistry simultaneously fragments and tags DNA in a single step. A simple PCR amplification then appends sequencing adapters and sample indices to each fragment.

[http://www.illumina.com/documents/products/55datasheets/55datasheet\\_nextera\\_dna\\_sample\\_prep.pdf](http://www.illumina.com/documents/products/55datasheets/55datasheet_nextera_dna_sample_prep.pdf)

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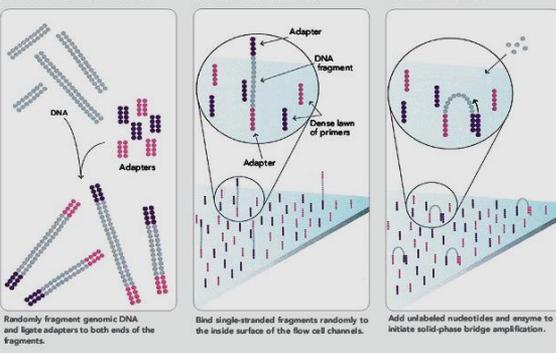
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Illumina - MiSeq

### 1. PREPARE GENOMIC DNA SAMPLE    2. ATTACH DNA TO SURFACE    3. BRIDGE AMPLIFICATION



Randomly fragment genomic DNA and ligate adapters to both ends of the fragments.

Bind single-stranded fragments randomly to the inside surface of the flow cell channels.

Add unlabeled nucleotides and enzymes to initiate solid-phase bridge amplification.

<http://seqanswers.com/forums/showthread.php?t=21>

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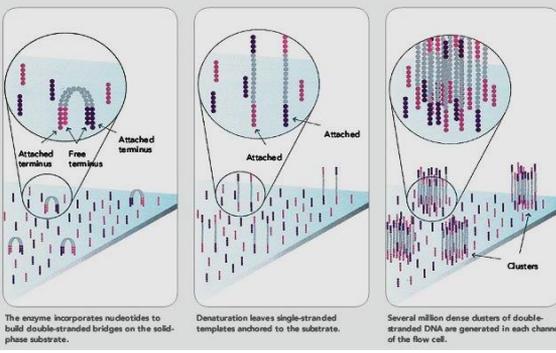
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Illumina - MiSeq

### 4. FRAGMENTS BECOME DOUBLE STRANDED    5. DENATURE THE DOUBLE-STRANDED MOLECULES    6. COMPLETE AMPLIFICATION



The enzyme incorporates nucleotides to build double-stranded bridges on the solid-phase substrate.

Denaturation leaves single-stranded templates anchored to the substrate.

Several million dense clusters of double-stranded DNA are generated in each channel of the flow cell.

<http://seqanswers.com/forums/showthread.php?t=21>

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### Topics for further thought

- Additional genetic markers
  - SNPs (ancestry, phenotypic traits, lineage)
  - Insertion Deletion (InDels)
- Data interpretation and review – level of retention
- STR nomenclature
  - Back compatibility with existing databases
  - Future searching methods
- Ethical considerations with coding region markers
- Validation of NGS systems/methods
  - Use of existing standards (SRMs)

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### NIST SRM Support

- Further characterization of SRM 2391c, 2392, and 2392-I
- In depth sequencing of mitochondrial genomes and core STR alleles
  - Sanger
  - NGS (PGM and MiSeq)
  - Posters presented at the 25<sup>th</sup> annual ISFG meeting

"Additional Sequence Characterization of NIST SRM 2391c: PCR-Based DNA Profiling Standard"  
[http://www.cstl.nist.gov/strbase/pub\\_pres/Hill-ISFG2013-SRM2391c.pdf](http://www.cstl.nist.gov/strbase/pub_pres/Hill-ISFG2013-SRM2391c.pdf)  
 "Characterization of NIST Standard Reference Materials by Next Generation Sequencing"  
[http://www.cstl.nist.gov/strbase/pub\\_pres/KieslerISFG2013poster.pdf](http://www.cstl.nist.gov/strbase/pub_pres/KieslerISFG2013poster.pdf)

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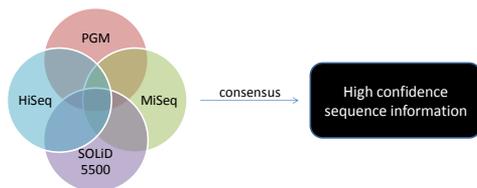
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### Multiple NGS Platforms

- Use of multiple platforms to obtain a consensus sequence for the SRMs
  - Identify and reduce the false positives and negatives
  - Identify and control for bias in a specific chemistry and/or informatics pipeline




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### Mitochondrial SRMs

#### False Positives and False Negatives

Using platform specific informatics pipeline

		PGM 1	PGM 2	PGM 3	HiSeq	MiSeq	5500
9947A	FP	1	5	3	21	9	11
	FN	3	4	3	3	3	3
CHR	FP	2	6	10	21	9	10
	FN	3	5	4	3	3	4
HL-60	FP	1	8	8	20	9	8
	FN	1	2	1	1	1	1
Avg Coverage		280	6,500	9,000	49,000	41,000	29,000

Calls made to the rCRS  
On average 99.94 % agreement with Sanger sequencing

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### Heteroplasmy at Position 1,393

#### SRM 2392 Component B (9947A)

Nucleotide Position	rCRS Reference Sequence	SRM 2392 Component B Sanger Call	EdgeBio PGM	NIST PGM run 1	NIST PGM run 2	EdgeBio Illumina HiSeq	Beckman Genomics Illumina HiSeq	NIST SOLID
139	A	G	G	G	G	G	G	G
195	T	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
214	A	G	G	G	G	G	G	G
263	A	G	G	G	G	G	G	G
303.1	:	C						
303.2	:	C						
315.1	:	C						
790	A	G	G	G	G	G	G	G
1393	G	G	G/A	G/A	G/A	G/A	G/A	G/A
1438	A	G	G	G	G	G	G	G
4135	T	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
4769	A	G	G	G	G	G	G	G
7645	T	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
7863	T	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
8448	T	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
8860	A	G	G	G	G	G	G	G
9315	T	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
11922	T	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
11799	G	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
15326	A	G	G	G	G	G	G	G
16313	T	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
16519	T	C	C	C	C	C	C	C

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### Heteroplasmy at 1,393?

- 6x coverage by Sanger
- 3/6 of reads indicate low-level heteroplasmy – Red circles
- Not reproducible in all reads – Not always detected by Sanger sequencing

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### Heteroplasmy detected by NGS at Site 1,393

- Agreement across platforms (**high confidence**)  
≈ 17.6% (± 2.6%) minor component "A"

Experiment	Reference "G"	Variant "A"	Coverage
EdgeBio PGM	77.3%	22.7%	97 x
NIST PGM Run 1	82.5%	17.5%	2940 x
NIST PGM Run 2	83.4%	16.6%	3275 x
Illumina MiSeq	83.7%	16.3%	26,234 x
Illumina HiSeq	84.4%	15.6%	62,186 x
NIST SOLiD	82.5%	16.9%	24,226 x

Site 1,393 also confirmed by Niels Morling's lab using 454 technology (Martin Mikkelsen)

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### Thanks for your attention!

Thanks to Tony Onorato and SWGDAM for the invitation to speak today

Questions and discussion?

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Outside funding agencies:  
FBI - Evaluation of Forensic DNA Typing as a Biometric Tool  
NIJ - Interagency Agreement with the Office of Law Enforcement Standards

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